

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1989**

**S**

**1**

SENATE BILL 827

Short Title: State Employee Emerg. Hosp. Cert.

(Public)

---

Sponsors: Senator Sands.

---

Referred to: Human Resources.

---

April 10, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO EXCLUDE EMERGENCY INPATIENT HOSPITALIZATIONS FROM  
PREADMISSION CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEACHERS'  
AND STATE EMPLOYEES' COMPREHENSIVE MAJOR MEDICAL PLAN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 135-40.6(2) reads as rewritten:

"(2) Limitations and Exclusions to In-Hospital Benefits.

- a. The services of physicians, surgeons and technicians not employed by or under contract to the hospital are not covered.
- b. Any admission for diagnostic tests or procedures which could be, and generally are, performed on an outpatient basis, if no hospitalization would have been required except for such diagnostic services is not covered. However, benefits are provided at ninety percent (90%) of Plan benefits for diagnostic tests and procedures consistent with the symptoms or diagnosis for which admitted.
- c. The Plan will not cover any admission to a hospital prior to the effective date of coverage or beginning prior to the expiration of any waiting period so long as the individual remains continuously in a hospital.
- d. Hospitalization for custodial, domiciliary or sanitarium care, or rest cures, is not covered.
- e. Hospitalization for dental care and treatment is not covered, except when a hospital setting is medically necessary.

1                   f.     Prior to admission for scheduled inpatient hospitalization ~~and~~  
2                   ~~following admission for unscheduled inpatient hospitalization,~~ the  
3                   admitting physician shall contact the Plan and secure approval  
4                   certification for an inpatient admission, including a length of  
5                   stay, based upon clinical criteria established by the medical  
6                   community, before any in-hospital benefits are allowed under  
7                   G.S. 135-40.8(a). Effective January 1, 1987, failure to secure  
8                   certification, or denial of certification, shall result in in-hospital  
9                   benefits being allowed at the rate maximum amount of out-of-  
10                  pocket expenses established by G.S. 135-40.8(b). Denial of  
11                  certification by the Plan shall be made only after contact with  
12                  the admitting physician and shall be subject to appeal to the  
13                  Executive Administrator and Board of Trustees."

14                  Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.